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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, October 26, 2020, inmate Samuel Prieto tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP), in Springfield, Missouri. He received daily symptom checks and was assigned to a unit with 24-hour nursing staff. On Thursday, October 29, 2020, Mr. Prieto was evaluated by institution medical staff for respiratory distress and was transferred to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020, Mr. Prieto, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by local hospital staff.

Mr. Prieto was a 58-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Texas to a 120-month sentence for Importing a Quantity of Cocaine. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since September 24, 2019.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 843 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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